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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NORIBUMI KOITABASHI, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Appln. No.: 09/131,744) : Group Art Unit: 2853
Filed: August 10, 1998) :
For: A RECORDING METHOD) : February 14, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. A copy of the European Search Report, dated January 26, 2000, is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

FORMAL MATTERS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(b)(3), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Second Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

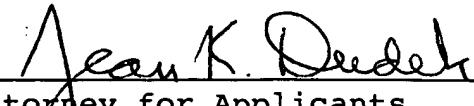
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

All correspondence should continue to be directed to our
below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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